

General terms and conditions Van Oers Accountants en Belastingadviseurs B.V., Van Oers Audit B.V., Van Oers Agro N.V., Van Oers Duurzaamheidsadvies N.V. and Van Oers Business Solutions N.V.

A General

The following terms are used in these General terms and conditions:

1. Principal: the natural person or legal entity which gave the Contractor instructions to perform Work.
2. Contractor: Van Oers Accountants & Belastingadviseurs B.V., Van Oers Audit B.V., Van Oers Agro N.V., Van Oers Duurzaamheidsadvies B.V. (operating under the name "Van Oers Consultancy") and/or Van Oers Business Solutions N.V., as listed in the Agreement. All Agreements are established with the Contractor and are exclusively fulfilled by the Contractor, to the exclusion of Sections 7:404 and 7:407 (2) of the Dutch Civil Code. This also applies if it is the Principal's explicit or implicit intention that the Work is to be performed by a specific individual or specific individuals.
3. Work: all work for which the Contractor has received instructions or which the Contractor performs on another account. The above applies in the broadest sense of the word and in any event comprises the work as specified in the confirmation of the instructions.
4. Documents: all goods, including documents or data media, which the Principal has made available to the Contractor, as well as all goods, including documents or data media, which have been produced or collected by the Contractor in the scope of fulfilling the instructions.
5. Agreement: every agreement between the Principal and the Contractor to perform Work by the Contractor for the Principal in conformance with the stipulations specified in the confirmation of the instructions.
6. When using a translated version as opposed to the Dutch language version of these General terms and conditions, the terms used shall at all times be interpreted according to Dutch law.
7. If the Contractor does not always require strict observance of these terms and conditions, this does not mean that the terms and conditions are not applicable at any time, or that the Contractor would in any way lose the right to demand strict observance of a provision contained in these General terms and conditions in other cases.
8. The Contractor has the right to unilaterally change these General terms and conditions. The foregoing shall be on the understanding that it is obliged to inform the Principal of the changes.

B Applicability

1. These General terms and conditions apply to: all offers, quotations, instructions, legal relationships and agreements, under whatever name, in which the Contractor undertakes/will undertake to perform Work for the Principal, as well as to all Work resulting from the same for the Contractor.
2. Departures from and additions to these General terms and conditions are only valid if these have been agreed upon explicitly and in writing, for example in a (written) agreement or confirmation of the instructions.
3. In the event that these General terms and conditions and the confirmation of the instructions contain conflicting conditions, the conditions included in the confirmation of the instructions will apply as far as the conflict is concerned.
4. The Contractor explicitly rejects any applicability of the Principal's General terms and conditions.
5. The underlying Instructions/Agreement together with these General terms and conditions represent the full agreements between the Principal and the Contractor regarding the Work for which the Agreement is concluded. It replaces all prior agreements made between the parties or proposals made in this respect.
6. The Principal with whom an Agreement is entered into under these General Terms and Conditions, accepts the applicability of these General terms and conditions on all subsequent quotations of the Contractor and Agreements between the Principal and the Contractor.
7. If one or more provisions in these General Terms or Conditions are voided or were already voided, the other conditions of these General terms and conditions remain in full force and effect. If any provision in these General terms and conditions or the Agreement is not legally valid, the parties shall negotiate regarding the content of a new provision; this provision shall be as close as possible to the purport of the original provision.
8. The provisions in the Agreement or in these General terms and conditions which, by their nature or expressly, are intended to remain in force after termination or expiration of the Agreement, shall remain in full force and effect after such termination or expiration, including, but not limited to, articles B, G, I, J, L, R, T and U paragraph 3.

C Commencement and duration of the agreement

1. Each Agreement is only established and commences at the time the confirmation of the instructions signed by the Principal has been returned to and signed by the Contractor. The confirmation is based on the information which the Principal supplied to the Contractor at the time of the confirmation. The confirmation is deemed to correctly and fully represent the Agreement.
2. The parties are free to prove the establishment of the Agreement by other means.
3. Each Agreement is entered into for an indefinite period of time, unless the nature, contents or purpose of the instructions given show that the Agreement was entered into for a fixed period of time.

D Information of the Principal

1. The Principal is required to make all information and Documents which the Contractor believes are necessary to correctly fulfil the Agreement available to the Contractor in time, in the requested form and in the desired manner.
2. The Contractor is entitled to suspend the fulfilment of the Agreement until the Principal has complied with the obligation mentioned in the previous paragraph.
3. The Principal is required to notify the Contractor at once regarding facts and circumstances which may be relevant in connection with the fulfilment of the Agreement.
4. The Principal guarantees the accuracy, completeness and reliability of the data and documents made available to the Contractor by or on behalf of the Principal, including where such data and documents originate from third parties.

The Contractor shall not be liable for any damage, of whatever nature, resulting from incorrect and/or incomplete data provided by the Principal to the Contractor.

5. The extra costs resulting from delays in the fulfilment of the Agreement and the extra fee resulting from any failure to make the desired information available or to do so in time or properly will be borne by the Principal.
6. If and to the extent that the Principal so requests, the documents made available will be returned to the Principal, subject to the stipulations under N.
7. The Principal shall indemnify the Contractor against any damage suffered by the Contractor and/or third parties resulting from files or data provided by the Principal to the Contractor that are infected with viruses, malware or other software that disrupts computer systems, collects (sensitive) data, or otherwise causes damage.
8. The Principal is obliged to inform the Contractor in writing without undue delay as soon as it becomes aware of infected files that it has shared with or transferred to the Contractor and/or data and systems to which the Contractor's data and/or systems have been exposed in connection with the Work.
9. The Contractor excludes its liability, to the maximum extent permitted under mandatory law, in relation to situations in which the Principal's data is damaged or lost, without prejudice to the provisions of Article L of these General terms and conditions. The Contractor shall not be obliged and cannot be held liable to restore such data.

E Fulfilment of the Agreement

1. The Contractor determines the manner in which and by what person(s) the Agreement will be fulfilled. If possible, the Contractor will take any directions from the Principal regarding the fulfilment of the Agreement into account, provided these instructions are sound and are given in a timely fashion.
2. The Contractor will perform the Work to the best of his ability and in a manner to be expected of a careful professional. However, the Contractor cannot guarantee that any envisaged result will be realized.
3. The Contractor is entitled to have a person or third party to be designated by the Contractor perform specific Work without notification to and explicit consent from the Principal if the Contractor believes that this is advisable.
4. The Contractor will fulfil the Agreement in accordance with the rules of conduct and the professional rules that apply to him, which are part of the Agreement, and in accordance with the statutory requirements. Upon request, a copy of the rules of conduct and the professional rules applying to the Contractor will be sent to the Principal. The Principal will respect the Contractor's obligations and the obligations for parties working at or for the Contractor, respectively, that arise from these rules of conduct and professional rules and from the law.
5. In the event that Work is performed for the profession or business of the Principal during the duration of the Agreement which is not covered by the Work to which the Agreement relates, this Work will be deemed to have been performed based on separate Agreements.
6. Any terms specified in the Agreement for performing the Work will be approximate terms rather than deadlines. Thus, in the event that such a term is exceeded this does not constitute a culpable failure on the part of the Contractor; consequently this is not a ground for dissolving the Agreement. Terms set for completing the Work can only be considered as deadlines if the Principal and the Contractor have explicitly agreed on this in so many words.
7. Unless stipulated otherwise in writing, the fulfilment of the Agreement is not specifically aimed at detecting fraud. In the event that the work results in indications of fraud, the Contractor will report this to the Principal. In so doing, the Contractor is required to observe applicable statutory and other rules as well as the regulations and guidelines issued by the various professional organizations.
8. To enable the Work to be completed, the Contractor can provide verbal, draft or interim advice, reports and presentations. In this case, the final written advice or written final report shall prevail.
9. The Contractor is under no obligation to update verbal or written advice, reports or results of the Work as a result of events that occurred after the delivery of the version of the advice, report or the results.
10. The Work performed by the Contractor does not include the identification, analysis and/or reporting of obligations under international information exchange regimes, such as the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) and the Common Reporting Standard (CRS), unless explicitly agreed otherwise in writing in advance.

F Confidentiality and exclusivity

1. The Contractor is required to maintain confidentiality with respect to third parties who are not involved in the fulfilment of the Agreement. This confidentiality involves all confidential information which the Principal made available to the Contractor and the results obtained by processing this information. This confidentiality does not apply to the extent that statutory or professional rules, including but not limited to the notification duty resulting from the Dutch Act on Measures to Prevent Money Laundering and the Financing of Terrorism and other national or international rules with a similar purpose, impose a duty of disclosure on the Contractor, or in as far as the Principal has released the Contractor from the confidentiality obligation. This stipulation does not prevent confidential consultations between colleagues within the Contractor's organization to the extent that the Contractor deems this necessary for careful fulfilment of the Agreement or the due observance of statutory or professional rules.
2. The Contractor is entitled to use the figures obtained after processing for statistical or comparative purposes, provided these figures cannot be traced back to individual Principals.
3. The Contractor is not entitled to use the information which the Principal makes available to the Contractor for any purpose other than the purpose for which the information was obtained, except as stipulated in paragraph 2, and in the event that the Contractor is acting on his own behalf in disciplinary, civil, administrative or criminal proceedings in which these documents may be relevant. In the event that the Contractor is accused of (complicity in) an offence or felony, the Contractor is entitled to disclose Documents from the Principal to the Tax

Inspector or to the judge, if disclosure is required in the scope of conducting a defense by the Contractor. In case the Tax Inspector imposes a default penalty on the Contractor, the Contractor is also entitled to disclose such information made available to him in the context of (for the purpose of) preparing a defense. The Contractor is entitled to recover any default penalty imposed by the Tax Inspector from the Principal.

4. Except with the Contractor's explicit prior written consent, the Principal is not permitted to disclose the contents of recommendations, opinions or other (written) statements from the Contractor or to make these contents available to third parties in any other way, except to the extent that this results directly from the Agreement, is done to obtain an expert opinion regarding the Contractor's Work in question, the Principal is under a statutory or professional duty of disclosure, or the Principal acts on his own behalf in disciplinary, civil or criminal proceedings.
5. In the event of infringement of the rule laid down in the previous paragraph, the Principal owes to the Contractor an immediately payable fine to the amount of € 25,000, without prejudice to the right of the Contractor to seek compensation.

G Intellectual property

1. The intellectual property rights on anything that the Contractor uses and/or makes available as part of the execution of the Agreement, are held by the Contractor or its licensors. Nothing in the Agreement or these Terms and Conditions will lead to the transfer of intellectual property rights, unless explicitly stipulated otherwise in writing.
2. The Principal is explicitly prohibited from providing those products, including but not limited to computer programs, system designs, work methods, advice, (model) contracts and other products of the mind, all this in the broadest sense of the word whether or not by using third parties to third parties, or to reproduce, publish or exploit those products.
3. The Contractor may grant a usage right to the Principal for software, etc. This usage right shall always end at the time at which the Agreement ends, unless agreed other- wise. Once the usage right has ended, the Principal must cease using the software, etc. and refrain from using it again. The Principal must delete any software from its systems.
4. The Contractor has the right to adopt technical measures in order to protect its (intellectual property) rights or those of its licensors. The Principal is explicitly prohibited from removing or bypassing these measures.
5. The Principal is not permitted to provide (resources of) those products to third parties other than for the purpose of obtaining an expert opinion regarding the Contractor's Work. In that case, the Principal will impose his obligations under this article upon the third parties he calls in.
6. In the event of infringement of the provisions laid down in paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and/or 5, the Principal owes to the Contractor an immediately payable fine to the amount of € 25,000 without prejudice to the Contractor's right to seek compensation.

H Force majeure

1. In the event that the Contractor is unable to fulfil his obligations under the Agreement or is unable to fulfil these obligations in time or properly as a result of a cause that cannot be attributed to him, including but not limited to employee sickness, break- downs in the computer network and other interruptions of the normal conduct of business within his enterprise, these obligations will be suspended until the time the Contractor can still fulfil these obligations in the manner agreed upon..
2. Insofar as at the time of the start of the force majeure, the Contractor has already partially fulfilled its obligations under the Agreement, or would be able to fulfil these, the Contractor is entitled to submit a separate invoice for the portion of the obligations that have already been fulfilled or that shall be fulfilled. The Principal is obliged to pay this invoice as if it were for a separate Agreement.

I Fee

1. The Contractor is entitled to suspend the performance of his Work before the start of the Work and in the interim until the Principal pays an advance for the work to be performed, to be reasonably fixed by the Contractor, or has furnished security for this. Initially, an advance paid by the Principal will be set off against the final invoice.
2. The Contractor's fee does not depend on the outcome of the Work performed.
3. The Contractor's fee may comprise a pre-determined amount per Agreement and/or may be calculated based on rates per time unit worked by the Contractor and is payable as and when the Contractor has performed Work for the Principal. Travel and accommodation expenses, plus license fees can be charged separately.
4. In the event that an amount fixed per Agreement is agreed upon, the Contractor is entitled to charge a rate per time unit worked on top of this, if and to the extent that the scope of the Work exceeds the scope of the Work provided for in the Agreement, in which case the Principal must also pay this additional amount.
5. In the event that wages and/or prices change after the establishment of the Agreement but before the instructions have been fully carried out, the Contractor is entitled to adjust the rate agreed on accordingly, unless the Principal and the Contractor have made other agreements in this regard.
6. The Contractor's fee, if necessary plus disbursements and invoices from third parties called in, including the value added tax due, if any, will be charged to the Principal on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis or after completion of the Work.

J Payment

1. The Principal must pay the invoice amount within the terms agreed upon without any right of suspension or set-off, but in no event later than 30 days after the invoice date, in Euros, at the office of the Contractor or by means of payments into a bank account to be designated by the Contractor and in as far as the payment regards work, the Principal has no right to a discount or setoff.
2. In the event that the Principal fails to pay within the term mentioned in paragraph 1 or within the term further agreed upon, the Principal will be legally in default and the Contractor is entitled to charge the statutory (commercial) interest from the due date until the day of payment in full, without any further summons or notice of default being required, all this without prejudice to the Contractor's further rights.
3. All costs incurred in connection with the judicial or extrajudicial collection of the claim shall be borne by the Principal, including insofar as such costs exceed any court-

awarded costs. These costs shall in any event include at least the costs calculated on the principal amount in accordance with the Dutch Decree on Compensation for Extrajudicial Collection Costs (Besluit vergoeding voor buitengerechtelijke incassokosten), subject to a minimum of € 40.

4. In the event of liquidation, bankruptcy, suspension of payments, or any other insolvency proceedings including application of the WHOA (with respect to) Client, Contractor's claims against Client shall be immediately due and payable.
5. In the event that the Contractor is of the opinion that the Principal's financial position or payment record gives rise to this, the Contractor is entitled to demand that the Principal furnish (additional) security in a form to be specified by the Contractor. In the event that the Principal fails to furnish the requested security, the Contractor is entitled without prejudice to any other rights he may have to immediately suspend the further fulfillment of the Agreement and everything that the Principal owes the Contractor on any account whatsoever will be due and payable at once.
6. In the event of instructions issued jointly, the Principals are jointly and severally liable for the payment of the invoice amount to the extent that the Work has been performed for the collective Principals.
7. The Contractor is entitled to use the payments made by the Principal first to reduce costs, as referred to in paragraph 3, then secondly to reduce the interest that has fallen due and lastly to reduce the principal sums and accrued interest.

K Complaints

1. Complaints regarding the work performed and/or the invoice amount must be notified to the Contractor in writing within 30 days after the documents or information about which the Principal complains have been sent or within 30 days after the defect is discovered, in the event that the Principal demonstrates that he reasonably was unable to discover the defect earlier.
2. Complaints as referred to in the first paragraph do not suspend the Principal's payment obligation, except to the extent that the Contractor indicates that he believes the complaint is valid.
3. The Contractor must be given the opportunity to investigate the Principal's complaint.
4. In the event of a valid complaint, the Contractor can either adjust the fee charged, rectify or redo the rejected Work at no cost or not (or no longer) perform all or part of the instructions in exchange for restitution in proportion to the fee which the Principal already paid.
5. If the complaint is not submitted within the period stipulated in paragraph 1, all rights of the Principal in connection with the complaint shall lapse.

L Liability and indemnification

1. The Contractor is only liable to the Principal for direct damage which directly results from a (related series of) culpable failure(s) in fulfilling the Agreement. This liability is limited to the amount paid for the event in question according to the Contractor's liability insurer, plus the excess to be paid by the Contractor under the insurance policy, if any. If the liability insurer does not pay for any reason whatsoever, the Contractor's liability is limited to the amount of the fee charged for fulfilling the Agreement from which the liability arises. In the event that the Agreement is a continuing performance contract with a term of more than one year, the amount mentioned in the previous sentence will be set at three times the amount of the fee charged to the Principal in the twelve months preceding the occurrence of the damage, for the specific Work performed under the Agreement from which the liability arises, but no more than has actually been invoiced to the Principal in the preceding months. In no event will the total compensation of the damage by virtue of this article amount to more than EUR 100,000 per event, in which a series of related events is deemed to be a single event, unless in view of the scope of the instructions or the risks related to the instructions the parties at the time the Agreement is entered into feel that there is reason to deviate from this maximum.
2. Except for in the event of deliberate act or gross negligence on the part of the Contractor, the Contractor is not liable for:
 - damage occurring at the Principal or third parties which is the result of the provision of incorrect, incomplete information, or Documents that were not supplied on time, by the Principal to the Contractor or which is the result of some other act or omission on the part of the Principal, including the situation that the Contractor is not able to file the annual accounts within the statutory period to the Chamber of Commerce as a result of an act or omission (on the part) of the Principal;
 - damage occurring at the Principal or third parties which is the result of acts or omissions on the part of agents called in by the Contractor (not including employees of the Contractor), also if these work for an organization which is affiliated with the Contractor;
 - consequential damage or loss of profits occurring at the Principal, including but not limited to interruptions in the orderly conduct of events in the Principal's business.
3. A further condition of liability is that should a defect be detected the Principal must immediately inform the Contractor of this in writing and the Contractor will at all times be entitled to remedy or limit the Principal's damage by rectifying or correcting the defective product if and to the extent possible.
4. The Contractor is not liable for any damage to or the loss of Documents during transport or dispatch, regardless of whether the transport or dispatch takes place by or on behalf of the Principal, the Contractor or third parties. During the fulfillment of the Instructions, the Principal and the Contractor may communicate by electronic means at the Principal's request. The Principal and the Contractor are not liable towards each other for damage possibly occurring for either of them as a result of the use of electronic means of communication, including -but not limited to- damage resulting from failures or delays in the delivery of electronic communication by third parties or by software/equipment used to send, receive or process electronic communications, the transmission of viruses and the failure of the telecommunication network or other means required for electronic communication to function (properly), except to the extent that the damage is the result of willful misconduct or gross negligence. Both the Principal and the Contractor will do everything they reasonably may be expected to do or refrain from doing to prevent the risks mentioned above from occurring. The data extracts from the sender's computer systems serve as conclusive proof of (the contents of) the electronic communication sent by the sender until the recipient has furnished proof to the contrary.

5. The Principal indemnifies the Contractor against all claims from third parties, including shareholders, directors, supervisory directors and employees of the Principal, as well as affiliated legal entities and enterprises and others involved in the Principal's organization and directly or indirectly related to the fulfilment of the Agreement. The Principal specifically indemnifies the Contractor against claims from third parties on account of damaged caused because the Principal provided incorrect or incomplete information to the Contractor, unless the Principal demonstrates that the damage is not related to any culpable act or omission on his part, or has been caused by wilful misconduct or gross negligence on the part of the Contractor. The above stipulations do not apply to instructions to audit the financial statements as referred to in Section 393 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.
6. The Principal indemnifies the Contractor against all possible claims from third parties in the event that the Contractor is forced by law and/or his professional rules to return the instructions and/or is forced to render his assistance to government agencies which are entitled to receive information both when asked and at their own initiative which the Contractor received from the Principal or third parties in the course of fulfilling the instructions.
7. All limitations regarding the Contractor's liability that are set out in this article, apply in full to the actual individual(s) performing Work on behalf of the Principal. The individuals actually performing the Work can also invoke these conditions vis-à-vis the Principal.
8. The limitation of liability shall apply in full in the event of liability in relation to several principals, in which case the Contractor shall not pay to all principals jointly more than the maximum amount referred to in this article. The liability is not increased if several principals are included in the order confirmation.
9. The Contractor excludes all liability for damage suffered by the Principal as a result of the Contractor complying with laws, regulations and professional regulations that apply to the Contractor and the Principal indemnifies the Contractor in this regard.
10. The Principal shall exercise any rights of action and rights of recourse in respect of the Work or otherwise arising from the Agreement exclusively against the Contractor and not against the Contractor's shareholders, directors, officers or employees. All Work is exclusively accepted and performed by the Contractor, with the exclusion of Sections 7:404 and 7:407(2) of the Dutch Civil Code.

M Personal data

1. In the context of an engagement provided to the Contractor by the Principal, or in the context of complying with legal obligations resting with the Contractor, the Contractor may process personal data pertaining to the Principal and/or persons connected with or employed by/for the Principal.
2. The Contractor may process personal data in connection with the optimization of the Contractor's provision of services to the Principal, as well as in connection with the ability of the Contractor to approach the Principal and/or persons employed by/for the Principal with information and services of the Contractor and third parties.
3. The processing of personal data by the Contractor in the context of the activities referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall take place in accordance with applicable privacy legislation and regulations.
4. When performing the Agreement, the Principal and the Contractor are obliged to comply with all obligations applicable to them ensuing from data protection rules. At the time at which the Contractor processes personal data as a processor as defined in the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) on behalf of the Principal, the Principal and the Contractor shall enter into an appropriate Processor's Agreement. If the Contractor decides on the purpose and means of processing, the Contractor becomes the Controller and the "Van Oers as controller" from the Privacy conditions shall apply.
5. The Contractor is entitled to terminate the Agreement, if the Principal, as involved party or other involved parties, exercises the rights awarded to it in the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), insofar as by exercising those rights, the option to process personal data for legal purposes, for performing an agreement or for the justified interest of the Contractor, are somewhat limited.
6. The Principal has an independent duty to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The Principal shall indemnify the Contractor against all claims of third parties in connection with non-compliance by the Principal. The indemnification will include all loss suffered and costs incurred by the Contractor with any such claim.

N Confidentiality, safekeeping and ownership of files

The Contractor keeps working papers related to the engagement. The Contractor will take all steps deemed appropriate for maintaining the confidentiality and safe custody of working papers and for retaining them for a period considered acceptable for good practice and in accordance with statutory and professional requirements concerning record retention. The working papers are the property of the Contractor.

O Expiry period

Unless otherwise stipulated in these General terms and conditions, rights of action and other powers of the Principal on any account whatsoever towards the Contractor in connection with the performance of Work by the Contractor will in any case become null and void one year after the time at which the Principal learned or reasonably could have learned of the existence of these rights and powers. This term does not regard the possibility to file a complaint with the appropriate body (bodies) for complaint handling and/or the Raad voor Geschillen (Dispute Review Board).

P Cancellation

1. The Principal and the Contractor can terminate the Agreement at any time with immediate effect by giving notice. In the event that the Agreement ends before the instructions are completed, the stipulations of I. second and third paragraphs apply. The other party must be informed of the cancellation in writing.
2. If and to the extent that the Contractor terminates the Agreement by giving notice, he must inform the Principal of his reasons for the cancellation and do, in all reasonableness, what the circumstances require in the interest of the Principal.

Q Right of suspension

The Contractor is entitled to suspend fulfilment of all his obligations, including the surrender of Documents or other matters to the Principal or third parties, until all payable claims against the Principal are paid in full. The Contractor may only refuse to surrender Documents after making a careful consideration of interests.

R Applicable law and jurisdiction clause

1. All Agreements between the Principal and the Contractor to which these General terms and conditions apply are governed by Dutch law.
2. All disputes in connection with Agreements between the Principal and the Contractor to which these General terms and conditions apply will be settled by the competent court in the district where the Contractor is domiciled.
3. Contrary to the stipulation in paragraph 2, the Principal and the Contractor may opt for another dispute resolution manner.
4. The provisions of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this Article shall not affect the Principal's right to submit a dispute to the Disputes Committee (Raad voor Geschillen) and/or to file a complaint with the relevant designated complaint handling body(ies).

S Electronic communication and electronic filing of the annual accounts

1. When fulfilling the scope of the Instructions, the Principal and Contractor can communicate with one another by electronic means and/or by using electronic storage (such as cloud applications). Apart from insofar as agreed otherwise in writing, the parties can assume that sending correctly addressed fax messages, emails (including emails that are sent via the Internet) and voicemail messages, irrespective of whether these contain confidential information or documents, that relate to the Assignment, are accepted mutually. The same applies to other means of communication used or accepted by the other party.
2. The Principal and Contractor are not liable in respect of one another for damage that potentially occurs at either or both parties as a result of the use of electronic means of communication, networks, applications, electronic storage, or other systems including – but not limited to – damage as a result of non-delivery or delay in the delivery of electronic communication, omissions, distortion, interception or manipulation of electronic communication by third parties or by software/hardware used to send, receive or process electronic communication, the transmission of viruses and incorrect or non-functioning of the telecommunications network or other means needed for electronic communication, apart from insofar as the damage is the result of intentional act or gross negligence. The foregoing also applies to the use that the Contractor makes of this in its communication with third parties.
3. In addition to the previous paragraph, the Contractor accepts no liability for damages or loss that occurs because of or in relation to the electronic transmission of (electronic) annual reports and digital filing of these reports with the Chamber of Commerce.
4. Both the Principal and the Contractor shall do, or refrain from doing, everything that can reasonably be expected of them to prevent the occurrence of the aforementioned risks.
5. The data extracts from the sender's computer systems provide compelling proof of (the content of) the electronic communication sent by the sender, until evidence to the contrary is provided by the recipient.
6. The provisions in article L apply mutatis mutandis.
7. As part of the services provided by Van Oers, documents can be signed digitally using an electronic signature.
8. The electronic signature comprises the entire process of signing (from identification to authentication). The Principal agrees that this electronic signature process is an electronic signature within the meaning of Article 3:15 of the Civil Code and Article 3(10) of the eIDAS Regulation, and that the Principal agrees that this method of signature is sufficiently reliable. The Principal hereby agrees that legally valid legal acts can be executed and/or agreements can be entered into using this method.
9. It is at all times the responsibility of the Principal to verify whether individuals are authorized signatories and to use and verify the correct information for the identification and related authorization.

T AI

1. The Contractor is entitled to use AI systems in the performance of the Work.
2. The Contractor shall ensure that the use of AI systems is carried out in compliance with the obligations under the AI Act. Data, including personal data, shall only be processed through an AI system insofar as this is reasonably useful for the performance of the Work.
3. The Contractor is responsible for the selection of AI systems used in the performance of the Work and shall, upon the Principal's first request, provide the Principal with an overview of the AI systems used.
4. The Principal is not permitted to input and/or use the results of the Work in an AI system without the Contractor's prior written consent.

U Other provisions

1. If the Contractor performs work at the Principal's site, the Principal shall ensure that a suitable workplace is available which meets the Occupational Health and Safety standards laid down by law and other applicable legislation relating to working conditions. The Principal must ensure that, in this case, the Contractor is given office space and other facilities which, in the opinion of the Contractor, are necessary or useful to perform the Agreement and that comply with all applicable (legal) requirements. With regard to (computer) facilities that are made available, the Principal is obliged to ensure continuity by means of sufficient back-up, security and virus check procedures.
2. The Principal is liable for the damage and costs incurred by the Contractor on account of unsafe situations within the Principal's business or organization.
3. The Principal shall not appoint or approach any of the Contractor's employees who are involved in performing the Work to, permanently or temporarily, directly or indirectly, enter the employment of the Principal, or perform work during the term of the Agreement or any extension thereof and for a 12-month period afterwards, on behalf of the Principal, directly or indirectly, permanently or temporarily, as an employed or self-employed person.
4. If the Principal is a natural person who is not acting in the exercise of a profession or business, and one or more provisions in these General terms and conditions would be wholly or partially void and/or invalid and/or unenforceable as a result of a legal regulation to protect that natural person, the relevant provisions shall be replaced by provisions that do justice to the (private) protection to which the Principal is entitled.

PRIVACY CONDITIONS VAN OERS

In its work, Van Oers must comply with legal requirements and, in some cases, act independently and because of this the form of Van Oers privacy judicial position has certain distinctive elements. For example, Van Oers can fulfil both the role of 'data processor' and 'data controller'.

Affiliated entities of Van Oers Groep N.V.:

- Van Oers Accountants en Belastingadviseurs B.V.;
- Van Oers Audit B.V.;
- Van Oers Agro N.V.;
- Van Oers Corporate Finance B.V.;
- Van Oers IT Advies N.V.;
- Van Oers Duurzaamheidsadvies B.V. (operating under the name "Van Oers Consultancy")
- Van Oers Digital Solutions B.V.
- Van Oers Business Solutions N.V.

1. POSITION OF VAN OERS

- Van Oers acts as a Controller if:
1. you are a private customer;
 2. Van Oers determines the purpose of and the means for processing itself;
 3. Van Oers processes personal data within the scope of (work for) a statutory obligation;
 4. Van Oers processes personal data for work in which it must comply with rules of professional conduct and practice;

In all other cases, Van Oers acts as a Processor. In that case, you determine how and why we may process personal data concerning you and your employees.

2. VAN OERS AS PROCESSOR

For processing operations in respect of which Van Oers acts as Processor, the data processing agreement attached applies.

3. VAN OERS AS CONTROLLER

For processing operations in respect of which Van Oers acts as Controller, the privacy statement for our services applies, which is made available on our website www.vanoers.com/privacy-security.

DATA PROCESSING AGREEMENT

- 1. General:**

In this data processing agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

 - 1.1. General terms and conditions:**

The General Terms and Conditions of the Processor, that apply fully to every agreement between the Processor and the Controller and of which this data processing agreement forms an integral part.
 - 1.2. Client:**

The natural person or legal entity who/that has instructed the Processor to perform Work, also the Controller.
 - 1.3. Contract:**

Every agreement reached between the Client and Processor for the Processor to perform Work on behalf of the Client, in accordance with the provisions in the order confirmation.
 - 1.4. Personal data:**

The personal data categories defined in Annex 1.
 - 1.5. Processor:**
 - The private company with limited liability Van Oers Accountants en Belastingadviseurs B.V., with its registered office and place of business at Ginnekenweg 145 in Breda and all entities affiliated with Van Oers, including but not limited to Van Oers Audit B.V., Van Oers Agro N.V., Van Oers Corporate Finance B.V., Van Oers Duurzaamheidsadvies B.V. (operating under the name "Van Oers Consultancy"), Van Oers IT Advies, Van Oers Digital Solutions B.V. and Van Oers Business Solutions N.V.
 - 1.6. Controller:**

The Client who/that, as a natural or legal entity, has instructed the Processor to perform Work.
 - 1.7. Work:**

All work that has been commissioned, or that is performed by the Processor on other grounds. The foregoing applies in the broadest sense and includes, in any case, the work listed in the order confirmation.
- 2. APPLICABILITY OF THE DATA PROCESSING AGREEMENT**
 - 2.1. This data processing agreement applies to all Personal Data that is processed by the Processor within the context of performing the Contract with the Client, as well as to all processing of Personal Data for purposes that are reasonably related to this or that are to be determined in further agreement.
 - 2.2. The Controller is responsible for processing the Personal Data concerning specific categories of data subjects as described in Annex 1.
 - 2.3. In the performance of the Contract, the Processor processes Personal Data as described in Appendix 1 by order of the Controller.
 - 2.4. This is a data processing agreement within the meaning of article 28 paragraph 3 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), in which the rights and obligations in respect of the processing of the personal data are agreed upon, including with regard to security.
 - 2.5. Just like the Processor's General Terms and Conditions, this data processing agreement constitutes part of the Contract and all future contracts between the parties.
 - 2.6. Given its position and role as accountant, the Processor may act as Controller when carrying out assignments on behalf of its Client(s). If, within the Work, the Processor acts as Controller, this data processing agreement does not apply. In that case, the privacy statement for our services applies.
- 3. SCOPE OF THE DATA PROCESSING AGREEMENT**
 - 3.1. By giving the assignment to perform Work, the Controller has given the Processor the assignment of processing the Personal Data on the Controller's behalf in the manner described in Appendix 1 in accordance with the provisions of this data processing agreement.
 - 3.2. The Processor shall process the Personal Data exclusively in accordance with this data processing agreement, in particular in accordance with the content of Appendix 1. The Processor confirms that it shall not process the Personal Data for other purposes, unless this is determined with further explicit consent. However, the Processor may use the personal data for quality purposes to improve the service that is provided to the Controller, by means of conducting statistical research and big data analyses. The Processor is also bound by the obligations specified in this data processing agreement with respect to processing Personal Data.
 - 3.3. The Processor does not take independent decisions about the processing of Personal Data for other purposes, including the provision thereof to third parties and the duration of data storage. The control of Personal Data provided to the Processor in the context of this data processing agreement or any other Contracts between the Parties, as well as the data processed by the Processor in that context, rests with the Controller.
 - 3.4. The Controller can give the Processor additional written instructions on account of amendments or changes in the applicable regulations in relation to protecting personal data.
- 4. SUPPLYING THE CORRECT PERSONAL DATA**
 - 4.1. The Controller takes the necessary measures to ensure the Personal Data are correct and accurate, given the purposes for which they are processed, and also gives them to the Processor as such.
 - 4.2. The Controller guarantees that it has a legally valid basis for processing the Personal Data. The Controller also guarantees that the provision of the Personal Data to and the processing of the Personal Data by the Processor is not illegal and does not in any way infringe on any right of a third party. The Controller indemnifies the Processor against any claims from third parties that ensue from the Controller's failure to comply with the aforesaid guarantee.

5. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 5.1. All Personal Data that the Processor receives from the Controller and/or collects itself in the context of this data processing agreement is subject to an obligation to observe secrecy with respect to third parties. The Processor will not use this information for any purpose other than that for which it was obtained.
- 5.2. This obligation to observe secrecy does not apply to the extent that the Controller has given explicit permission to provide the information to third parties, if the information to third parties is logically necessary in view of the nature of the assignment given and the performance of this data processing agreement, or if there is a there is a legal obligation to provide the information to a third party. If pursuant to mandatory legislation the Processor is obliged to share the Personal Data with, or to pass on the Personal Data to, third parties, the Processor shall inform the Controller of this in writing, unless this is not permitted.

6. SECURITY MEASURES

- 6.1. Processor has an ISO certification in the field of information security (ISO 27001) and has implemented appropriate organizational and technical security measures in accordance with that certification to adequately and adequately protect the personal data to which this Processor Agreement applies, in particular those based on of article 32 GDPR are required of her. See Annex 2 for the security measures taken.
- 6.2. The Personal Data are stored and processed within the European Economic Area (hereinafter EER). If Personal Data have to be exchanged for correct execution of the Contract outside of the EER, this shall take place based on adequacy decisions or appropriate guarantees in accordance with articles 45 and 46 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

7. TRANSFER OF PERSONAL DATA

- 7.1. The Processor may process Personal Data in countries within the European Union. The Processor may also process Personal Data in countries outside the European Union, provided this complies with the applicable legal conditions. The Processor shall maintain a list on its website of the countries and the corresponding subprocessors to which the Personal Data is transferred.

8. SUPERVISION OF COMPLIANCE

- 8.1. Once a year, the Controller has the right to arrange an inspection by an independent third party, to be appointed jointly by the Controller and the Processor, in order to verify whether the Processor is complying with the obligations under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and this data processing agreement. The Processor shall provide any assistance reasonably required to that end. All costs incurred during and before the inspection are for the Controller's account, unless the inspection shows that the Processor does not comply with this data processing agreement. In that case, the costs shall be for the Processor's account.
- 8.2. As soon as possible after completion of a report in response to the inspection as referred to in Article 8.1, the Controller and the Processor shall consult with one another in order to address any risks and shortcomings. At the expense of the Controller, the Processor shall take measures to reduce the risks and shortcomings found to an acceptable level (for the Controller), alternatively to mitigate the risks, unless the parties have agreed otherwise in writing.

9. DATA BREACH

- 9.1. As soon as possible after the Processor becomes aware of a data breach, within the meaning of Article 4.12 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), that relates to the Personal Data under this data processing agreement, the Processor shall inform the Controller of this using the contact details of the Controller known to the Processor and shall provide the Processor with information about: the nature of the incident or the data breach, the Personal Data affected, the implications of the incident or data breach established and expected on the Personal Data and the measures that the Processor has taken and will take.
- 9.2. The Processor shall assist the Controller with reports to the data subjects and/or the authorities.
- 9.3. The Controller is at all times responsible for notifying the data subjects and/or authorities, as referred to in Article 9.2.

10. SUB-PROCESSORS

- 10.1. The Client hereby gives the Processor its consent to engage the services of the sub-processor(s) specified on page (<https://www.vanoers.nl/privacy-security>).
- 10.2. The Processor shall inform the Controller via its website (<https://www.vanoers.nl/privacy-security>) which sub-processors are to be engaged or have already been engaged. The Processor grants the Controller the right to object at all times to the sub-processors to be engaged or have already been engaged. If the Controller avails of its opportunity to object, both parties shall seek to arrive at a solution together.
- 10.3. The Processor shall ensure that the sub-processor is subject to a Sub-processor's Contract that contains the same obligations as those set out in this data processing agreement.

11. DATA SUBJECTS' RIGHTS AND DUTIES TO ASSIST

- 11.1. Upon request, the Processor shall assist the Controller in the event of a complaint, question or request from a data subject, or with investigations or inspections by the Dutch Data Protection Authority (Autoriteit Persoonsgegevens).
- 11.2. At the request and account of the Controller, the Processor shall assist the Controller with performing a data protection impact assessment.
- 11.3. If the Processor receives a request directly from a data subject to make use of his/her rights as a data subject, the Processor shall inform the Controller as soon as possible about the receipt of the request. If, in exercising such a request, the Controller is dependent on assistance from the Processor, the Processor shall perform all instructions that it receives from the Controller in writing, as a result of such a request from the data subject, within a reasonable period.
- 11.4. If the Controller's instructions to the Processor are in conflict with any statutory provisions regarding data protection, the Processor shall inform the Controller of this.

- 11.5. Any costs arising from inspection requests from the data subject or parties, inspections, audits or seizures by the Dutch Data Protection Authority (Autoriteit Persoonsgegevens) or another regulatory body with regard to Personal Data, shall be borne by the Controller.

12. LIABILITY

- 12.1. The Processor's liability for damage as a result of an attributable shortcoming in the fulfillment of the data processing agreement, or as a result of an unlawful act or otherwise, is limited for each event (a series of consecutive events counts as one event) to the compensation of direct damage, to a maximum of the amount of compensation received by the Processor for the work under this data processing agreement for the 6 months prior to the event giving rise to the damage.
- 12.2. 'Direct damage' is exclusively understood to mean all damage consisting of:
- damage directly caused to material objects (property damage);
 - reasonable and demonstrable costs to urge the Processor to (once more) comply properly with the data processing agreement;
 - reasonable costs to determine the cause and extent of the damage insofar as it relates to direct damage as referred to here; and
 - reasonable and demonstrable costs incurred by the Controller to prevent or limit the direct damage as referred to in this article.
- 12.3. The liability of the Processor for indirect damage is excluded. Indirect damage is understood to mean all damage that is not direct damage and therefore in any case, but not limited to, consequential damage, loss of profit, lost savings, reduced goodwill, goodwill, loss due to business interruption, loss due to failure to achieve marketing objectives, damage related to the use of data or data files prescribed by the Controller, or loss, corruption or destruction of data or data files.
- 12.4. The exclusions and limitations referred to in this article shall lapse if and insofar as the damage is the result of intent or wilful recklessness on the part of the Processor or its management.
- 12.5. Unless compliance by the Processor is permanently impossible, the Processor's liability for imputable shortcoming in complying with the Principal Agreement shall only arise if the Controller gives the Processor written notice of default immediately, whereby a reasonable period of time for remedying the shortcoming is set, and if, after that period, the Processor continues to be in breach of its obligations. The notice of default must contain as complete and detailed a description of the shortcoming as possible, so that the Processor is given the opportunity to respond adequately.
- 12.6. Any claim for compensation by the Controller against the Processor that has not been specified and explicitly reported shall lapse by the mere expiry of twelve (12) months after the claim arose.

13. DURATION, TERMINATION, RETENTION PERIOD AND DELETION

- 13.1. This data processing agreement is valid for the period that the Processor has been instructed by the Controller to process Personal Data pursuant to the Contract between the Controller and the Processor.
- 13.2. The Controller is responsible for determining the retention period with regard to the Personal Data. The Processor shall not retain data for any longer than it has been instructed by the Controller, unless the Processor is obliged to do so by law.
- 13.3. If, after termination of the Contract, on grounds of a statutory retention obligation, the Processor must, for a certain period of time stipulated by law, keep certain Personal Data and/or documents, computer disks or other data carriers used, on which or in which Personal Data is stored, the Processor will ensure that these Personal Data or documents or other data carriers are destroyed within a reasonable period of time after the (statutory) retention period has ended.
- 13.4. If the Contract between the Controller and the Processor ends, within two months of the Contract ending, the Controller can ask the Processor to return to the Controller all documents, computer disks and other data carriers, on which or in which Personal Data are stored, the costs of which shall be borne by the Controller. In the event that the foregoing are returned, the Processor shall provide the Personal Data in the form present at the Processor. Insofar as the Personal Data are stored in a computer system or in another form, as a result of which the Personal Data cannot in all reasonableness be disclosed to the Controller, the Processor shall destroy the Personal Data. Once this period has expired, the Processor shall destroy the Personal Data, unless pursuant to current laws and regulations the Processor is obliged to keep the Personal Data.
- 13.5. At the request of the Controller, the Processor shall declare that the deletion referred to in the previous paragraph has taken place.
- 13.6. Without prejudice to the other provisions in this article 13, the Processor will not keep or use any Personal Data after termination of the Contract.

14. NULLITY

- 14.1. If one or more of the provisions in this data processing agreement are voided or were already voided, the other conditions remain in full force and effect. If any provision in this data processing agreement is not legally valid, the parties shall negotiate regarding the content of a new provision; this provision shall be as close as possible to the purport of the original provision.

15. CONCLUDING PROVISIONS

- 15.1. This data processing agreement is governed by Dutch law.
- 15.2. All disputes in connection with the data processing agreement or the performance thereof shall be submitted to the competent judge at the District Court of Zeeland-West-Brabant.
- 15.3. In the event of conflict between different documents or their appendices, the following order of priority shall apply:
- a. this data processing agreement;
 - b. the Agreement;
 - c. the Processor's General Terms and Conditions.

ANNEX 1

PERSONAL DATA, PURPOSES, DATA SUBJECT CATEGORIES AND SUB-PROCESSORS PURPOSES AND PERSONAL DATA

The Controller allows the Processor to process the following personal data within the scope of the Contract agreed with the Controller:

PURPOSES

The Processor shall process the personal data for the following purposes, in accordance with the Contract.

General

- (1) The maintenance, including updates and releases of the system made available to the Controller by the Processor or Sub-processor;

Van Oers HR Solutions

- (1) Performing payroll processing where the Processor only makes the IT infrastructure (salary software) available for the preparation of wage calculations/payslips and/or where the Processor only enters the data supplied by the Controller in the salary software without carrying out any additional checks or consultancy work.

Personal Data (non-exhaustive):

- name and address
- contact details (telephone number, email address, etc.)
- CSN
- salary details
- job title
- date of birth
- civil status and date cohabitation or marriage
- nationality;
- pension details
- wage tax and national insurance contributions

- (2) Employee Satisfaction Survey (ESS):

- Sending invitations and reminders to complete the questionnaire;
- Creating research groups to provide feedback at a group level on the research findings to both the client and employees of the contractor;
- Forming research groups to provide feedback at a group level on the results to both the client and employees of the client;
- Converting the questionnaire results into a (visual) report;
- Data can be further anonymized for benchmarking purposes.

Personal Data (non-exhaustive):

- Email-address
- Jobtitle, location, gender (depending on the specific assignment)

Van Oers Audit en Accountancy

- (1) Assignments to carry out specific agreed work with regard to financial information;
- (2) Execution of the financial administration where the Processor only provides the accounting software.

Personal Data (non-exhaustive):

- name and address
- contact details (telephone number, email address, etc.)
- date of birth
- occupation
- financial information
- salary details
- VAT number
- vehicle registration data

VAN OERS BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

- (1) Setting up, adjusting and managing processes and data in AFAS software (including ASMincontrol and Praktijkcockpit);
- (2) Generation of management information by means of data analytics and dashboarding.

Personal data, depending on the specific assignment:

- name and address
- contact details (phone number, e-mail address, etc.)
- financial information
- salary details
- personnel data and file;
- depending on the type of assignment and the data made available by the Controller in the source system

VAN OERS IT ADVIES

- (1) Conduct phishing and vulnerability assessments
- (2) Providing and supervising online security awareness training

Personal Data (non-exhaustive):

- name and address
- contact details (telephone number, email address, etc.)
- study progress (awareness training)

DATA SUBJECT CATEGORIES

The Personal Data that can be processed relate to the following data subject categories, depending on the assignment:

- (1) client
- (2) client's staff
- (3) client's job applicants
- (4) client's suppliers
- (5) client's customers

ANNEX 2

SECURITY MEASURES TO GUARANTEE CONFIDENTIALITY:

- Verification of the physical access to personal data
- Verification of the electronic access to personal data
- Verification of the internal access to personal data
- Encryption of personal data

TO GUARANTEE THE INTEGRITY:

- Verification of the transfer of personal data
- Verification of the input of data

TO GUARANTEE THE AVAILABILITY AND RESILIENCE OF THE SYSTEMS USED:

- Verification of the availability of data (e.g. by making back-ups)
- Ability to restore access to personal data (using tools to be able to rapidly restore these personal data following an incident)

TO TEST, ASSESS AND EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE TECHNICAL AND ORGANISATIONAL MEASURES ON A REGULAR BASIS:

- Compliance with an internal incident protocol
- Verification of instructions from the Controller(s)
- Measures to bring about privacy by design
- Recovery capabilities (tools that allow the Processor to quickly recover personal data following an incident)
- Compliance with an information security policy, supplier policy, privacy policy and code of conduct